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Applicant:	Thomas Weisel	Art Unit:	3731
Serial No.:	10/803,406	Examiner:	Unknown
Filed:	March 17, 2004		
Title:	EXPANDABLE NEEDLE SUTURE APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED HANDLE ASSEMBLY		

ASSIGNEE'S CONSENT TO CHANGE OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)

By assignment executed on June 30, 2004, the above-identified patent application is assigned to SURGICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC.

The undersigned officer of SURGICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC is empowered to act on behalf of SURGICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC.

SURGICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC consents to the correction of inventorship of this application from the naming of Thomas Weisel as the sole inventor to the naming of Thomas Weisel and Martin Padget as joint inventors.

I hereby declare as follows: that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Date: July 30th, 2004  
Brett Bannerman  
President  
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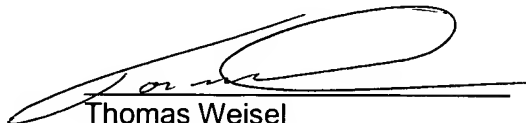
DECLARATION OF THOMAS WEISEL

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I, Thomas Weisel hereby declare:

1. That I am the original named inventor of the above-referenced patent application;
2. That through error, without any deceptive intention, the above-referenced application was filed naming Thomas Weisel as the sole inventor;
3. The actual co-inventors for this application are Thomas Weisel and Martin Padgett;
4. I hereby consent to the correction of the inventorship of this application from the naming of Thomas Weisel as sole inventor to the naming of Thomas Weisel and Martin Padgett as joint inventors;
5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made of information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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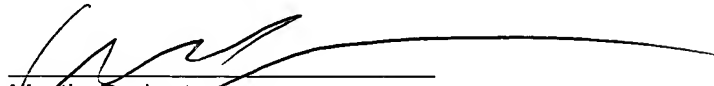
DECLARATION OF MARTIN PADGET

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I, Martin Padget, hereby declare:

1. The actual co-inventors for this application are Thomas Weisel and Martin Padget;
2. That through error, without any deceptive intention, the above-referenced application was filed naming Thomas Weisel as the sole inventor;
3. I hereby consent to the correction of the inventorship of this application from the naming of Thomas Weisel as sole inventor to the naming of Thomas Weisel and Martin Padget as joint inventors;
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made of information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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